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The Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer Sr., Chair
Assembly Committee on Public Safety
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 2374 (BAUER-KAHAN) AS INTRODUCED ON
FEBRUARY 16, 2022 – CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:
ILLEGAL DUMPING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **Support** Assembly Bill 2374 (AB 2374), as introduced on February 16, 2022.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would (a) increase the maximum fine for the dumping of commercial quantities of waste from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the first conviction, from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for the second conviction, and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the third and any subsequent convictions; (b) require the court to order a person convicted of dumping commercial quantities of waste to remove, or pay for the removal of, the waste matter that was illegally dumped; (c) authorize the court to order the surrender of a professional or business license that is related to the illegal dumping activity for which the person has been convicted, as a condition of probation; and (d) require the name of a person convicted of dumping-commercial quantities of waste to be publicly posted or published in a manner set forth by the court.

Illegal dumping is a constant problem in Los Angeles County which poses significant health, social, environmental, and economic impacts on communities. This bill would increase consequences for illegal dumping and properly punish bad actors and discourage future violations. The Task Force is in support of this measure as it would provide additional enforcement tools to combat illegal dumping.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force

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is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 2374. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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